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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The undertone for hens and 16-24 lb. toms steady to firm. Limited trading on commodity toms in the East at 72 cents and on private label non-basted toms at 72.75 cents delivered mostly into the Midwest. Trading for deferred shipments heavy in the West and light in the East. Demand continued light to moderate, best for late fall arrivals. Trading for parts slow. Tom Breast meat trading fair. Thigh meat and drums available and moving at about steady levels, balance of items generally steady with MST in tighest position.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow with most activity from Mexico. Inquiry noted from Russia and Asia.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 15, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	JUN
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-69	-	-	-	83.50	80	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	5148	JUN-AUG
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-72	72	72.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-69.5	69.5	69.50	280	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-71.5	71.5	71.50	40	-	-	-	1568	JUN-AUG

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 JUNE 1999.

The market tone was generally steady on parts, with hen parts stronger than toms. Supplies of breast meat and thigh meat ranged balanced to available. Mechanically separated turkey was tight as demand for hot dog production was strong for the Fourth of July. One container of hen necks moved at 15 cents for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00		97.00	280
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	7
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	17.85	520
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	42
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00		20.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		M	16.00	13
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	183.00		183.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	197.00		197.00	20
THIGH MEAT	64.00		64.00	7
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	64.24	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	109.93	43
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	152.00		152.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	20.05	572
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	17.03	504
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	17.13	248
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.50		20.50	104
TAILS		R	18.50	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.29	1,333
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	86-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	86-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	89-114

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 JUNE 1999.

Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat, steady on frozen. Thigh meat was about steady and parts were mostly steady. There was a good call for hen v-type wings into domestic and export channels. Supplies of mechanically separated turkey were tight and the market tone was firm. Fresh destrapped tenders moved at 164 and frozen fine ground turkey 85% at 25 cents picked up. Two containers of tom necks moved at 14-15 cents and nine loads of tails at open prices. Inquiry was uneven and some traders noticed a lack of export interest in thigh meat at current prices.

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NECKS, TOM		M	16.00	13
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	183.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	191.00-194.00		192.58	480
THIGH MEAT		T	64.00	7
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	64.24	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	109.93	43
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		T	152.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.00-68.00		67.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	22.00-25.00		24.05	220

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00		17.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	17.13	248
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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA** W/E 6/16/99

<b><u>POULTRY HEALTH BOARD</u></b>		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1998-99	15,440	447,144	447,494
1997-98	618	455,661	455,911

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